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S.C. Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210

Public Service Commission,

March 12, 2010

(In reference to Docket 2009-489-E),

This letter is to confirm my opposition to the request for another rate hike by SCE&G. I am retired and live in a single level home, yet have paid approximately \$1,000 for just the last three months of service for electricity. During mild winters when power demands are minimal, SCE&G has proposed and received rate hikes to compensate for lower revenues. However, during extreme winters when usage increases and SCE&G revenues are up, there is no reduced ratio charge for users. This year SCE&G has said that heating bills are higher because of the duration of extremely cold weather. That has reflected in extremely large bills for consumers, which should mean that SCE&G money coffers are overflowing if they have been managed responsibly. We have watched our rates skyrocket, so that the earnings of SCE&G stockholders and executives may continue to grow. Now may be the time for them to absorb the burden of growth that will, down the road, equate to future profits for them. Right now, I need my money to be working for me rather than going into the pockets of SCE&G to earn money for their proposed projects. They need to tighten their belts and minimize expenses like the rest of us have had to do. I have remained silent for all previous requests for a rate increase by SCE&G, but this time I join with the many people who are asking that you deny the request.

Sincerely,



Mrs. L. Anderson
Chapin, SC

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DIANE WYALL
Print Name

Date: 3-12-2010

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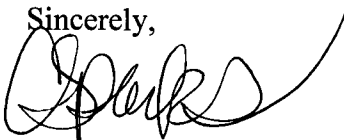
SCE&G is requesting an almost 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the depression. No COLA, tanked investments, 401Ks obliterated hundreds of thousands of jobs gone. Are they kidding? This is outrageous regardless of their excuse.

It is especially egregious when their service is the worst of anywhere I have ever heard of or lived. It only has to rain a drop & people's power goes out & in many areas it stays out for long periods of time. They continue to resist every effort to modernize to fix this problem and have for *years!* And the money they save by continuing to provide poor service goes into their profit & not to the consumer.

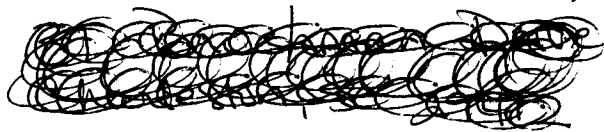
SCE&G rates are already too high. They are mercenary when it comes to cutting off people's power over dollars. Even in a recession when thousands are out of work and struggling. I say the consumers need to be just as mercenary right back. Let them take the mandatory federal improvements out of their profit. I say no rate increase until service gets better and outages are reduced to a minimum and time off air at homes & businesses is held to less than an hour unless there's a major category 4 hurricane. By that time, we should be well out of the recession and people will have money to eat and have electricity!

Please hold this rate increase in abeyance until further word from the consumers.

Sincerely,



C. Sparks
Charleston



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